IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thomas J. Sonderman, et al Group Art Unit: 2125

Serial No.: 09/851,905 Examiner: R. JARRETT

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For: Run-To-Run Control Method For Client Docket:

Automated Control Of Metal

Deposition Processes | Conf. No.: 3951

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 12, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response expired December 12, 2006. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time is required. Please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization for the Commissioner to withdraw the appropriate fee of \$120 under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.044700.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Since this paper is submitted on or before January 12, 2007, it is believed to be timely filed. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.